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Sir:

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2001.

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The application contains claims 1-24, 26, 30, 31 and 38-40. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A. Rejection Of Claim 1 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,022,211 issued May 10, 1977 to Timmons et al. (hereinafter “Timmons”). The Examiner states at page 2 of the Office Action that Timmons discloses “a permanent graphic (blocks, 22).” Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Timmons discloses in Figures 5 and 6 a decorative pattern where part of the original pattern disappears when wetted. Col. 3, lines 41-44. The pattern includes outlines 22 of blocks and alphabet letters printed on the blocks. Col. 3, lines 41-52. The outlines 22 are printed in a permanent ink or dye, and the letters are printed with a water-dispersible or water-soluble coloring agent 16b.